Concession in bus fare to senior citizens

†*539. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving concession on ticket charges to the senior citizen for journey by bus, as is being done in air and rail journey;

(b) if so, whether Government have circulated this order to the Transport Ministries of the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to provide such facility to the senior citizen of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI):

(a) Under Section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the power for fixing of fares for stage carriages falls within the purview of State Governments.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Upgradation of Mandvi-Nalia-Narayan Sarovar Highway

*540. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government's request regarding upgradation of Mandvi-Nalia-Narayan Sarovar Highway into a National Highway has been agreed to by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

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